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In re PATENT APPLICATION of:

Applicant(s) : Kazuhiko SHIGEMI et al.

Serial No. : 10/050,553

Filed : January 18, 2002

For : CHARGE COLLECTING SYSTEM AND
PROGRAM FOR CONTROLLING THE
SAME

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) **PETITION FOR**
) **EXTENSION**
) **OF TIME**
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May 13, 2004

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Please extend the period for responding to the Office Action of November 13, 2003 by three (3) months, and thus until May 13, 2004.

An extension fee of \$950.00 is being submitted concurrently. Should this remittance be accidentally missing, however, or insufficient in amount, the Commissioner may charge any deficiency to our Deposit Account No. 18-0002.

Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENT

May 13, 2004

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Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed November 13, 2003, the period for reply to which has been extended up to and including May 13, 2004, by the Petition for Extension of Time submitted herewith. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1-10 and add new claims 11-20 in the manner shown in the listing of claims, which begins on the next page under the heading **Amendments to the Claims**.

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